

## CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A breast support apparatus comprising:

at least one layered front portion constructed and arranged to form two breast cups, each breast cup having an inner layer abutting the breast during use, each breast cup configured and dimensioned to hold a female breast, each breast cup defined by an mid-section, a lower section, an external surface area, and a side edge;

a support member secured in place to the external surface area of each breast cup, the semi-circular shape support member being made of a strong flexible rigid material that is configured and dimensioned to accommodate at least the lower section of each breast cup, wherein rigid material is a flexible wire mesh, flexible plastic mesh, or flexible durable lightweight plastic;

at least one layered back portion having an inner layer abutting a wearer's upper back area, the back portion having a first side edge and an opposing second side edge; the first side edge of the back portion being attached to the side edge of one breast cup and the opposing second side edge of the back portion being attached to the side edge of the other breast cup;

at least one cooperating fastening members attached to an internal peripheral edge proximately near the mid-section of each breast cup such that when the cooperating fastening members are secured the support member uplifts each breast securing the apparatus in place around the wearer's upper back area.

2. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:

each support member further defined by an outer peripheral edge; and an adjustable means attaching the outer peripheral edge of each support member to the each opposing side back portion such that the support member is adjustable to the breast size and shape of the wearer.

3. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein each breast cup

inner surface area of each breast cup.

4. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the padding is a foam material that molds to the shape of the body during movement.

5. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the back portion further comprises a continuous inner layer evenly distributed over the entire surface area of the back portion.

6. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the inner layer is made of a memory foam material that molds to the shape of the body during movement.

7. (canceled) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the back portion contains further comprises an inner layer having a plurality of pressure points.

8. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the back portion ~~inner layer~~ further comprises a plurality of pressure points with each pressure point being ~~is~~ made of a memory foam material that molds to the shape of the body during movement.

9. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein in the rigid material is made of a flexible wire mesh.

10. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein in the rigid material is made of a flexible plastic mesh.

11. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the rigid material is made of a flexible durable lightweight plastic.

12. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a pair of shoulder

12. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a pair of shoulder straps connecting the top of each breast cup to the top of the back portion.

13. (original) The apparatus of claim 3 further comprising: a drawstring mechanism having a first strip portion and a second connecting mate portion; the first strip portion being attached to an outer peripheral side edge of each support member; the second connecting mate portion being attached to a side edge of each breast support cup; and the second connecting mate portion being adapted to securely engage the first strip portion such that each support member can be secured in place to support the wearer's breast.

14. (currently amended) A breast support apparatus comprising: at least one layered front portion constructed to form two breast cups, each breast cup configured and dimensioned to hold a female breast, each breast cup defined by an mid-section, a lower section and a side edge; a support member secured to the an inner surface area of each breast cup, the support member being made of a strong flexible rigid material that is configured and dimensioned to accommodate at least the lower section of each breast cup; at least one continuous layered back portion, having opposing sides, each opposing side attached to each side edge of a breast cup; at least one cooperating fastening members attached to the internal peripheral edge proximately near the mid-section of each breast cup such that when the cooperating fastening members are secured the support member uplifts each breast; and the back portion further comprises an inner layer evenly distributed over the entire surface area of the back portion; and the back portion further comprises an inner layer evenly distributed over the entire surface area of the back portion.

15. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 14 further comprising adjustable means attaching the an outer peripheral edge of each support member to the opposing side of each back portion such that the support

member is adjustable to the breast size and shape of the wearer.

16. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein each breast cup contains a padding which is evenly distributed over substantially the entire inner surface area of each breast cup covering the support member.

17. (previously presented) The device of claim 16 wherein the padding is a memory foam material that molds to the shape of the body during movement.

18. (withdrawn) The device of claim 14 wherein the back portion further comprises an inner layer evenly distributed over the entire surface area of the back portion.

19. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~18~~ 4 wherein the inner layer is made of a memory foam material that molds to the shape of the body during movement.

20. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~18~~ 4 wherein the back portion ~~inner-layer~~ further comprises a plurality of pressure points.

21. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein each pressure point is made of a memory foam material that molds to the shape of the body during movement.

22. (original) The apparatus of claim 14 further comprising a pair of shoulder straps connecting the top of each breast cup to the top of the back portion.

23. (original) The apparatus of claim 16 further comprising: a drawstring mechanism having a first strip portion and a second connecting mate portion; the first strip portion being attached to an outer peripheral side edge of each support member; the second connecting mate portion being attached to a side edge of each breast support cup; and the second connecting mate portion being adapted to securely engage the first strip portion such that each support member can be secured in place to support the wearer's breast.